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Acidothermus cellulolyticus)

**PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED
APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.317**

To: Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
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The Applicants in the above-identified patent application hereby petition the Deputy Assistant Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.317 to revive the abandoned application.

Applicants request revival of the abandoned application due to an error on the part of the Applicants to timely file an amendment as stated in the attached Statement to Revive Abandoned Application.

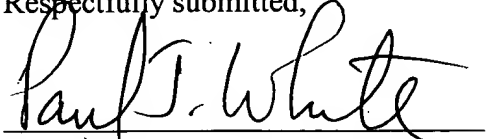
WHEREFORE, Applicants request the Deputy Assistant Commissioner to grant this petition and to revive the abandoned application. If any other issues remain to be resolved, please contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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The Deputy Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of this petition fee, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.316(b); as well as any additional fees associated with this Petition or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0460.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT TO REVIVE ABANDONED APPLICATION

The Applicants in the above-identified patent application hereby state that an Amendment was prepared and thought to have been submitted timely on October 28, 2003. After receiving the Notice of Abandonment, Applicants reviewed the file and checked the data base to find that the Amendment had not been sent to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO). Applicants state that the failure to submit the Amendment was due to mis-communication and human error and is unintentional. Enclosed is the required Amendment and a Rule 132 Declaration of Dr. Michael E. Himmel with attachments that were originally prepared but never sent to the USPTO.

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